

CARR-1715
Josiah Weimer Farm
2024 Blacks Schoolhouse Road
Taneytown
c. 1892

The Josiah Weimer Farm is a good example of a small late-nineteenth-century farmstead in the north/central region of Maryland. The property comprises a frame, two-story dwelling house with an altered two-door plan, a small banked kitchen and a large well-preserved bank barn.

Josiah and Clara Weimer bought the property in 1891 from Josiah's parents, J. Henry and Lydia Weimer and built the buildings shortly thereafter. The 57 ¼ acre tract was part of a larger parcel that the elder Wiemers subdivided after their house and barn burned. Those farm buildings were believed to have been constructed by John Wolfgang Mohring in the 1790s.

7. Description

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Condition

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Josiah Weimer Farm consists of a dwelling, kitchen, and bank barn sited on 13 acres in northern Carroll County, just south of the Pennsylvania line. The property sits along the south side of Blacks Schoolhouse Road approximately 300 yards west of Littlestown Pike. The house faces north, facing a horse pasture, with the kitchen about 10 yards and the barn about 100 yards to the south. The complex is approached by a dirt drive which runs along a wooded lot to the west.

The dwelling house is a two-story, side-gable house, four bays wide and double pile. An enclosed porch covers the first story of the north side, and an early one-story shed addition occupies the south face. The house sits on a fieldstone foundation which is pierced on the gable sides by small windows or vents. The frame walls are covered with drop siding and the window openings are trimmed with plain boards and feature pedimented hoods, decorated with scrollwork. The windows are 2/2 double-hung sash, and appear original (except in the north porch-see below). The eaves are moderately deep and have a two-part box cornice with a return at the gables. The roof is covered with standing-seam metal. There are two chimneys. The west chimney is small, rectangular, interior stack likely for a stove or furnace and has a cap with a double corbel. The east chimney is a large exterior stack added in the late 20th century to accommodate a fireplace. Patching in the roof covering indicates that a smaller, interior stove chimney was removed when the fireplace was added.

The north elevation features a six-bay-wide closed porch with vinyl slider windows. A steel door with glass above occupies the first bay to the east of center. The porch is covered with drop siding. The porch sits on a continuous fieldstone foundation and has a shed roof that projects slightly beyond the walls. It is likely this is an original or early porch that was enclosed sometime in the 20th century. The original first-floor fenestration is preserved within the porch: the two center bays are occupied by doors the two outer bays by windows. Drop siding and window surrounds and sash are intact. The second story has four original 2/2 windows. The west elevation features two 2/2 windows on the first and second stories and two smaller 2/2 in the gable.

The first story of the south side is covered by a shed addition. It is supported by fieldstone foundation walls in the gable ends that butt up to the foundation of the main block, while fieldstone piers support the south side. The addition is sided with the same drop siding as the main block and has the same standing-seam roofing. The south side of the addition has five bays, with a two-light door with transom in the center bay. The 2/2 windows in the outer bays are identical to those in the main block, while the 2/2 flanking the door are slightly smaller. The date of this addition is uncertain. Its separate foundation implies it is not original, as does the fact that the wall of the main block that it encloses is finished with windows, doors, and siding. There is, however, no seam in the siding between the main block and the addition suggesting it might be original. The answer could simply be that the house was resided, although the siding does appear to be original as do the windows.

The east elevation features the large external chimney stack built for a late 20th-century fireplace. There are two small windows or vents into the foundation, as well as a concrete and steel bulkhead door south of the chimney stack. There are two 2/2 windows on the first and second stories and two smaller 2/2 in the gable.

The plan and interior details of the dwelling have been altered, although it appears originally to have been a typical two-door plan as it manifested in the late-nineteenth century. Rather than having the three-room *flur-kuchen* arrangement of earlier two door houses, it had a symmetrical four-room arrangement with a stair centered in the rear. First floor alterations include removal of both transverse partitions and the addition of a late-twentieth century fireplace in the east room. In the west room reused hewn timbers were inserted after the removal of the partition: two hewn posts, with up braces, support a hewn girt.

Access to the cellar and the second-floor was not available.

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Behind the house stands a banked, gable-fronted kitchen, with a fieldstone foundation, clapboard siding, and standing-seam metal roofing. The kitchen is entered on its west, gable end through a door set to the south of center. A small window is set off center to the north, and an even smaller window occupies the gable. The north side has tow larger windows.

A large bank bark stands to the south of the kitchen. The uphill front faces the west and has a chicken shed added to the northwest corner. The barn has a fieldstone foundation, vertical wood siding, paired louvered vents, and a standing-seam metal roof. The framing is a mix of hewn and circular-sawn timbers, suggesting the barn is a contemporary of the house.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates c. 1891

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The Josiah Weimer Farm, located at 2029 Blacks Schoolhouse Road in Taneytown, MD, is a good example of a small, late-nineteenth-century farm in north-central Maryland. The property was originally part of a large farm owned by J. Henry Weimer that was destroyed by a fire sometime in late 1890 or early 1891. Following the fire J. Henry Weimer split his property in half, selling 57 ¼ acres to his son Josiah Augustus and his wife Clara B, and 57 ¾ acres to his daughter Mary Jane and her husband John N. Stair. The date of sale was April 2, 1891 and each party paid \$2,700 for their respective parcel.

According to family tradition, the fire burned a log house and barn originally built by John Wolfgang Mohring (Mehring) and his wife Anna Maria Magdalena Merckle. Mohring was a master weaver and farmer from Germany who settled on the property with his wife sometime just before the birth of their first child in June of 1759. The Mehring's built their log house and barn along Piney Creek, at the corner of the property now owned by Becky & John Cory. When J. Henry and Lydia Weimer split their property between their children, tradition holds that the siblings used timber salvaged from the burned the Mehring homestead, in the construction of their barns. Empty mortises in some of the barn timber indicate that some of the members are indeed reused.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 13.11 acres
Acreage of historical setting 13.11 acres
Quadrangle name Littlestown

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries follow the bounds of parcel 115 of Carroll County tax map 3.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	John Mehring, Becky Tims (Section 8 and chain) and Thomas A. Reinhart (Section 7)		
organization	Maryland Historical Trust (Reinhart)	date	August 2009
street & number	28 Treetop Trail (Mehring) 4675 Piney Creek Rd (Tims)	telephone	410-514-7645 (Reinhart)
city or town	Fairfield, PA 17320	Taneytown, MD 21787	state

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CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANSACTION	COMMENTS
Roger Hagedorn		John and Dawn Cory		7-26-1996	1822	992	13.1 acres	
John Wunderlich, Jr.		Roger Hagedorn		7-15-1993	1481	567	13.1 acres	
Paul Steger, Jr.		John Wunderlich, Jr.		6-20-1986	954	709	13.1 acres	
Paul e. & Barbara Steger		Paul Steger, Jr.		1-29-1985	894	647	13.1 acres	

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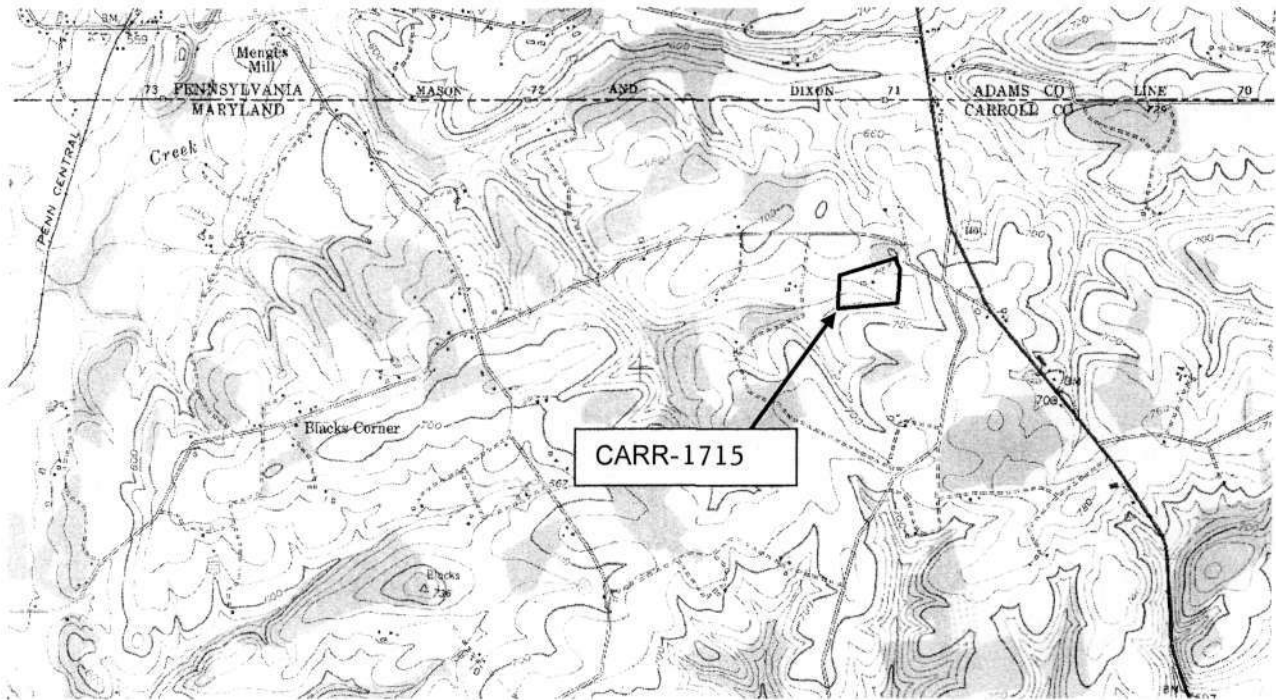
GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANSACTION	COMMENTS
Lewis L & Suzanne Piron		Paul e. & Barbara Steger		7-29-83	837	224	13.1 acres	
Thurman & Eileen Sealing		Lewis & Suzanne Piron		8-21-1978	715	460	13.1 acres	
John & Edna Plunkert		Thurman & Eileen Sealing		8-29-1966	411	460	57 ¼ acres	
Josiah & Clara Weimer		John & Edna Plunkert		4-1-1926	147	55	57 ¼ acres	
J. Henry & Lydia Weimer		Josiah & Clara Weimer		4-2-1891	72	399	57 ¼ acres	See "Josiah Weimer Far" vertical file in Maryland Historical Trust Library for addition title research conducted by John Mehrling on the larger tract owned by John Wolfgang Mohring.

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Littlestown Quadrangle





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JOSIAH WEIMER Farm

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Dwelling house; north elevation

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THOMAS A. REINHART

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DWELLING HOUSE; south elevation

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DWELLING House ; Window Detail

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BANK BARN from NW

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